of the locality much inconvenience is caused in getting the work done. A cess of 6 pies for every rupee of assessment on garden and wet lands may be ordered to be levied in lieu thereof and the work got done by Government agency.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 74.

A programme for tank maintenance.

Messrs. Kodandaramasetti and Chennabasaviah, Tumkur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The reservation of a portion of the budget grant placed at the disposal of the Public Works Department solely for the improvement of old tanks and a definite allotment out of such sum to each locality according to its requirements so that every tank or feeder may be improved in its turn, is necessary. This would ensure the increase of revenue and the prosperity of the country.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 75.

Earthwork to tanks.

(*a*) Messrs. Chikka Guruva Reddy and Veerappa Reddy, Bangalore taluk and Muninage Gowda and S. Hanumanta Rao, Devanhalli taluk.

(*b*) Mr. Seenappa, Hoskote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Some of the minor tanks have fallen into a very bad condition, neglected by the raiyats, and uncared for by Government. It is therefore prayed that the burden of maintaining them may be taken away from the raiyats and the cost thereof met from the collections made by Government towards the irrigation fund.

(*b*) Earthwork may be executed from one-fourth of the tank assessment.

The existing rules require the villagers to do the earthwork of all restored tanks. There is a great deal of difficulty in the distribution of work and in executing timely repairs. The villagers are sometimes required to attend to this work when they have to be busy in their fields. It is therefore prayed that they may be relieved of this burden and that the Government may be pleased to take up this work, the necessary expenses being recovered from the villagers concerned.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 76.

Earthwork to tanks.

Mr. A. Ramanna, Hoskote taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The Government do not insist upon the raiyats holding lands under major tanks to do their portion of earthwork as they do in the case of raiyats under minor tanks. This allows the former to derive greater benefits than the latter. It is prayed that a uniform rule may be enforced for both major and minor tanks.

Reply of Government.—*Vide* reply to Subject No. 71.

SUBJECT No. 77.

Earthwork to minor tanks.

Messrs. Surasastri, Chikballapur taluk and Byra Reddy, Chintamani taluk.

Summary of discussion.—On lands under minor tanks, heavy wet assessment is being levied, whether the lands are being cultivated or not. The raiyats may therefore be exempted from doing earthwork to minor tanks in consideration of the large assessment levied from them.